

DOUBLE LYNCHING IN COLLETON COUNTY.

Two Negroes Hanged and Riddled With Shot—Prisoners Charged With the Murder of Smoak.

Branchville, June 11.—At a late hour to-night a crowd of about one hundred farmers and other citizens of Colleton County, took two negroes away from the officers of the law, hung them to a tree, near the railroad track, and fired round after round into their swinging bodies. The negroes who were killed were Frank Samuels and Quillie Simmons, and the crime for which death meted to them was the murder on May 29 of young Mr. Benjamin Smoak, a member of a prominent family, and a merchant of the town, which bears his name.

Early tonight word was received here from Smoak's stating that Constable N. M. Maxey had arrested four negroes who, it was alleged, were concerned in the murder of Mr. Smoak. These four were Frank Samuels, Quillie Simmons, Connie Stokes and another whose name has not been learned. It will be remembered that when Mr. Smoak was killed just as he was closing his store for the night, the assassin, or assassins, secured about \$95 in cash and checks. It was these checks which led to the arrest of the four negroes, two of whom met death tonight at the hands of the mob. Young Ben Minus stepped up behind the stables of Samuels, who had a farm about a mile and a half from the town of Smoak's and saw him dividing the stolen money with the other negroes. Minus immediately returned, told what he had seen and heard, and described the hiding place of the missing checks. A prompt search led to the discovery of the checks, and Constable Maxey at once arrested Samuels. Subsequently the other negroes were also arrested, and the constable and his assistants started with his prisoners for Walterboro.

Meanwhile the mob had been gathering rapidly and silently, and before long nearly a hundred determined men had started in pursuit. The officers were overtaken near the railroad line and, being greatly outnumbered, they were unable to offer effective resistance. The terrified negroes were seized, and the leaders of the mob questioned them briefly as to their connection with the killing of Mr. Smoak. Two of them apparently managed to clear themselves and were set free. Samuels and Simmons were then marched to the railroad track, hanged to a tree and their bodies riddled with bullets.

At present everything is quiet. It is not known whether Samuels and Simmons confessed their guilt, after falling into the hands of the avengers, since the mob, as soon as it completed its work, scattered, and those who took part in the lynching returned to their homes. It is known, however, that the two negroes had previously admitted that they knew something about the crime, though they swore that they did not do the actual shooting. Samuels stated that he generally used No. 8 shot in his gun and shot of that size were found in Mr. Smoak's body. Both negroes bore evil reputations.

Lynched Negroes Confessed.

Branchville, June 12.—Frank Samuels and Quillie Simmons, the negroes lynched near Smoak's last night for the killing of Mr. Ben Smoak, on the night of May 29 have been watched and under suspicion. But on Thursday night direct proof of their being the guilty ones, is said to have been discovered. About dark Thursday evening, Ben Minus, colored, heard Samuels send word to Simmons to come over to his house; that he wanted to see him on some business. Minus, suspecting that their business concerned the killing of Smoak, went back to Ben Smoak's father's home, and related what he had heard. Mr. Smoak offered Minus a reward of \$25 if he would watch these parties and report to him. Minus then went back to Samuels' house to watch these men. After a short while he saw both of them go to the ox stable back of Samuels' house. They did not have any light, except now and then they would strike a match. He overheard their conversation, and the rattling of money. The question came up as to what to do with the checks, and Samuels said, "Let's bury the checks here in the stable. Then Minus returned to Mr. Smoak's home and related what he had heard."

Mr. Smoak, accompanied by two other gentlemen, proceeded to the hiding place, and soon discovered the checks hidden in the stable.

Early next morning Mr. Smoak reported the incident to Constable N. M. Maxey, who, with his deputy, arrested Samuels and brought him to Smoak's X-roads. Then started to Walterboro with their prisoner, and after going about six miles, were overtaken by a posse of thirty or forty people, who brought the prisoner back

to Smoak's. Late yesterday afternoon, Simmons was arrested at Mr. Garris' about a mile on this side of the town.

From a reliable source it was learned today that the victims confessed that they were the guilty parties.

WOMAN FOULLY SLAIN.

Body Found in Well in Columbia—Bloody Razor and Axe Tell Story of a Ghastly Murder.

Another mysterious murder has been added to the list which for the past few years have shocked this community. Recalling in its cold-blooded atrocity the killing of Maude Allen a few years ago was the gruesome find of the body of Mrs. Victoria E. Griffin in the well in her yard early this morning. Her neck cut in two places and a deep gash in her head told the story of the foul murder, of which no definite clue could be traced this morning, and which was surrounded with a veil of mystery and unusual circumstances. A razor with blooded blade and an axe with blood on the end and the blade showed that these weapons were used in the killing.

At 5:20 o'clock this morning Policeman Salters, who has a beat near the union station, was called to 611 Sumter street by Russell Griffin, the youngest son of Mrs. Griffin. The boy told Mr. Salters that his mother was missing from the house and asked the policeman to come to the house and look around. Mr. Salters went and make an examination.

Woman's Sons and Two Others Arrested.

Just after the coroner arrived G. W. Medlin, who lives across the street from the Griffin home, came to the house. He was placed under arrest on suspicion. He was a friend of the family, and is said to have visited the Griffins. It was thought strange that he should come back to the house so early in the morning—in fact, he was one of the first to arrive after the coroner got there.

Luke Lewis, a barber, was also placed under arrest. Lewis is said to have been a visitor at the house also to see the eldest daughters of Mrs. Griffin. Last night was Lewis' regular night to call, it is further stated, but for some reason he did not come.

Those placed under arrest this morning are: Jim Griffin, age about 19; Russell Griffin, about 14 years old, and Walter Griffin, the eldest son, all three sons of Mrs. Griffin, the murdered woman, and G. W. Medlin and Luke Lewis.

Mrs. Griffin was about 50 years old. She has been living here a number of years. Her husband ran a grocery store and later went to Georgia, where he was killed by his partner in the turpentine business. Mrs. Griffin was twice married.

The razor found this morning was said to have been the one owned by the eldest son, but the razor case found in his trunk does not correspond with the razor.

The police and coroner worked hard today to find some clue to the murderer or murderers.

KILLS HIMSELF.

Health Gone and in Debt Young Farmer Exaggerates His Troubles.

Springfield, June 10.—Near the hour of 10 o'clock this morning, Mott L. Douglass, a white farmer living about three miles east of this town, deliberately shot the front and top of his face and head off.

Mr. Douglass was about 35 years old. He had a wife and three children, the eldest being about 9 years old.

Mr. Douglass was the eldest son of Mr. Joseph J. Douglass and had lived here most of his life. Up to two or three years ago he seemed to prosper, but the last two disastrous years appeared to wipe out the surplus that he had so carefully hoarded for his advancing years. Nothing was known here of any trouble until a phone message announced the awful tragedy.

Human Nature.

St. Louis Times.

"Everybody feels that he ought to see Shakespeare."

"Well?"

"I suspect that is one of the reasons why Shakespeare doesn't draw better."

The Language of Love.

Cleveland Leader.

"Has he proposed yet?"

"Not in so many words."

"That's no answer. Proposals never do come in words—they consist of signs, 'hems, haws and gurgles.'"

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make final settlement as Administrator of the personal estate of John R. Atchinson, deceased, in the probate court of Newberry county, South Carolina, on

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All persons holding claims against said estate will present the same, properly attested, and all persons indebted thereto will make payment, to the undersigned, or his attorney, Eugene S. Blease, Newberry, S. C., on or before said date.

John C. Hill,
Qualified Administrator,
Cross Hill, S. C.
Newberry, S. C., June 8, 1909.

BIDS INVITED FOR SCHOOL BONDS.

Sealed bids will be received for an issue of forty thousand dollars of bonds of the Newberry School District of Newberry, S. C., to run forty years at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent per annum, to be issued under an act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina entitled, "An Act Relating to the Newberry School District" Approved February 27th, 1909. Bidders will state in their pro-

positions the rate or rates of interest as well as the price at which they will take these bonds, including accrued interest from May 1, 1909, also the denomination of the bonds desired. Bids must be filed with F. N. Martin, chairman, Newberry, S. C., on or before the 25th day of June, 1909.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

F. N. Martin,
Chairman.

J. M. Davis,
Secretary,
Newberry, S. C.,
June 4, 1909.

NOTICE OF SALE.

O. W. LeRoy having made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to Henry O. Long on May 31, 1909, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of June, 1909, at the late place of business of O. W. LeRoy in the town of Newberry, S. C., beginning at eleven o'clock a. m., we will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, unless disposed of at private sale before that time, the following goods and chattels, of the assigned es-

tate of O. W. LeRoy, to wit:

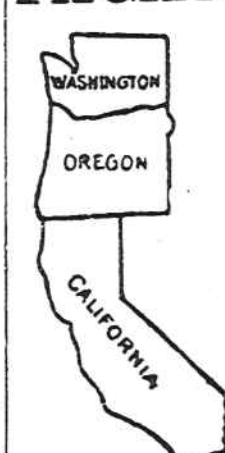
- 1 Four sider planer.
- 1 iron vice.
- 1 rip saw wood top.
- 1 No. 16 turning lathe and tools.
- 2 emory stands.
- 1 moulding machine.
- 1 grind stone.
- 1 20 horse power Atlas engine.
- 1 40 horse power James Biggs Co. boiler.
- 1 cut off saw.
- 62 feet shafting, more or less, with all pulleys, belts, etc.
- All buildings, brick, shingles, lumber, doors, sash and other building material.
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- 1 tenor machine.
- 1 shaper.
- 1 morticing machine.
- 1 iron vice.
- 1 rip saw.
- 1 grind stone.
- 1 Fay and Eggle planer.
- 1 motor dry kiln, cape 10,000 feet
- 1 gig saw.
- 1 iron safe.
- 1 heavy two horse wagon.
- 1 drill press.

Terms of sale: Cash.

Mr. Wistar Daxenport can be found on the ground where this property is until June 21, 1909, and will take pleasure in selling every thing herein advertised except the machinery.

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Geo. B. Cromer,
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H. J. Rawl,
Secretary.

Winthrop College

SCHOLARSHIP and ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House, on Friday, July 2, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than 15 years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 2 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 15, 1909. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, S. C.